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SUBJECT: RESTAFFING PEKING

1. SINCE POST-EARTHQUAKE SITUATION IN PEKING IS IMPROVING SOMEWHAT, WE HAVE DECIDED TO BRING BACK A FEW STAFF MEMBERS AND SEVERAL DEPENDENTS WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK AND BRING THE OTHERS BACK IN THE FOLLOWING WEEK OR TWO AS CONDITIONS WARRANT.

2. MOST OF PEKING'S RESIDENTS ARE MOVING OFF THE STREETS BACK INTO THEIR HOMES. SOME OF THE OLDER BUILDINGS, HOWEVER ARE BEING PULLED DOWN BY PLA TROOPS AND IT IS LIKELY THAT A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WILL BE HOMELESS FOR SOME TIME.

3. DIPLOMATIC SERVICES BUREAU HAS INSPECTED OUR APARTMENTS AND DECLARED THEM "USABLE." SOME, HOWEVER WILL REQUIRE PLASTERING OF INTERIOR WALL CRACKS AND REPAINTING AS WELL AS REPLACEMENT OF MANY CRACKED WINDOW PANES.

4. SOME OTHER FOREIGN MISSIONS HERE ARE FOLLOWING SAME GRADUAL APPROACH TO RESTAFFING THEIR EMBASSIES. WE ANTICIPATE THAT EARTHQUAKE-RELATED PROBLEMS WILL BE WITH US FOR SOME TIME. MANY MISSIONS ARE REQUESTING ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT (I.E., PAINTING, REPAIRS, MORE SPACE, ETC.) FROM DIPLOMATIC SERVICES BUREAU AND IT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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LIKELY THAT DSB RESPONSE WILL BE SLOW.

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